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Activities of Korean terrorists, plot to assassinate
officials and Police officers.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

Headquarters

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & B. REGISTRY

No. D. 5599

Date Feb 12 1934

Subject (in full) Statement of Kim Kai San (47 1/2 L), Korean, who was
deported to Korea on January 2, 1934.

Made by D. S. Umemoto.

Forwarded by D. S. Umemoto.

In compliance with my request for information regarding the business connection between Kim Kai San, who was deported to Korea by the local Japanese Consular Police on January 2, 1934, and Oak Sing Bim, the deceased detective of the French Police, an officer attached to the local Intelligence Office of the Korean Government has furnished me with a copy of a report obtained from Korea on the understanding that this report is to be treated as strictly confidential.

D. S. Umemoto.

D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

DC (Crime)
Information. A brother
indication that drug trafficking
had a lot to do with Oak's murder
Thos Robertson
capt.



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Statement of Kim Kai San (金海山), Korean, who was deported to Korean on January 2, 1934.

During my stay at No. 310 Rue Bourgeat with Ih Kei Ling (韋夷林), 42, from May to December, 1932, Oak Sing Bim became acquainted with me. He knew that I dealt in drugs so he often asked me to do business with him. Since my removal to No. 153 Rue Marcel Tillot in January, 1933, Oak Sing Bim visited me frequently. During the course of his visits in November, 1933, he informed me that a certain foreign officer of the French Police would like to invest money in some business, so Oak and I met several times during the month to discuss the establishment of a morphine factory. Oak, the foreigner and I were to invest \$1,000.00 each. In the beginning of December, 1933, I met the foreigner once in a house on Rue Tenant de la Tour and on this occasion Oak spoke with the foreigner who agreed to furnish a sum of \$1,000.00. Later Oak told me that his (Oak's) share of \$1,000.00 will also be paid by this foreigner. As I do not understand his language I did not speak with the foreigner. I do not know his name except that he is an employee of the French Police. On or about December 11, 1933, Oak Sing Bim, Ko Shu Sen and I, after visiting several premises, decided to rent a house at No. 7 Pih Loh Faung (畢樂坊), Route Pichon, which was to have been occupied on December 16, but owing to a delay in the installation of the electric lights the removal did not take place. On the morning of December 18, 1933, I received a telephone call from Oak Sing Bim inquiring about the furniture for the house. I asked him when he could bring the money and in reply he said that he would call on the foreigner. At about 6.30 p.m. on the same day, Oak came to my house and handed me \$1,100 saying that this sum was the foreigner's investment in our business. Oak said that he would retain \$50.00 as removal expenses. Oak also asked me to supply him with an ounce of morphine. He then went downstairs to use the telephone, but as he received no reply he left my house informing Ko Shu

Sen that he would return next day for the morphine because he would be busy that night. Soon after this, I heard pistol shots. I did not know that Oak would visit me on the night of December 18 because we had made no appointment. I do not know who the murderer or murderers of Oak Sing Bim may be.

At the French Police Station, I was informed by Oak's son that a foreigner called on Oak Sing Bim at about 2.30 p.m. December 18 and handed him a sum of money and that Oak left his home at 5.30 p.m. in a hurry saying that he was busy.

On December 17, 1933, whilst I was returning from a visit to one Wei Gee (偉池) at Chiu Mow Dien (九敏地), Nantao, a number of Chinese loafers stopped me and searched my person for opium. I think they did this upon instructions from one Li Voong Noo (李鳳梧), who is a brother of Wei Gee and resides in Pao Hung Li off Avenue Joffre. In November, 1933, Li Voong Noo received a quantity of heroin from Ih Kei Ling for sale but Li refused to pay. After this Li and Ih were on bad terms. Li also became unfriendly with me because Ih Kei Ling was in close touch with me. I do not know whether the two visitors to my house prior to the visit of Oak Sing Bim on the night of December 18 had any connection with Li Voong Noo.

I was told that some years ago Ih Kei Ling and An Kyo Kon (安恭根), Korean, had defrauded a Cantonese of several thousand dollars by proposing to him the establishment of a gambling den in the vicinity of the Great World Amusement Resort. Ih Kei Ling and An Kyo Kon had a dispute over the division of the money but they continued their relations until May, 1932, when An Kyo Kon disappeared after the Hongkew Park Bomb Outrage in April, 1932. During my stay with Ih Kei Ling, he used to inform me that he would establish a morphine factory if An Kyo Kon would provide the funds but nothing was done. An Kyo Kon used to keep in touch with prominent members of the Korean Independence Party and it seems to me that he was not in favour of Oak's joining the French Police.

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Special Branch,
February 7, 1934.

D. C. (Crime).

I have passed a copy of attached report by D.S. Kim to Mr. Sarly, French Police, for what it is worth.

Para. 3. Kim cannot give even an approximate date of this visit to Nanchang. Chiang Kai-shek has not been in Nanchang for the past four weeks and such an invitation would be contrary to his policy.

Para. 4. The Chinese Authorities are not likely to admit this. It would be more correct to say that these Korean radicals have moved to Nantao to put extradition difficulties in the way of the Japanese Consular people. The French Police know nothing of a plot to assassinate the Consul-General for France and Comdt Fabre, although the latter has been the recipient of several threatening letters.

No mention is made by Kim that an officer of the French Police (Marmorat) has had to resign as a result of drug deals in which Oak and other Koreans were also involved, a fact I am certain he is aware of but for obvious reasons prefers to ignore.

The statements made by two Koreans in custody at the Japanese Consulate are very unsatisfactory as detail, especially the origin and ownership of the various sums of money mentioned, is very much lacking, and would seem to indicate that the copies which the Japanese Consular officials were good enough to give us were either abridged editions or cooked.

That the motive for Oak's murder was political is doubtful when it is reckoned that the French Political



branch did not rely on him for Korean intelligence of value and reference is made to drug trafficking in the statements of the two Korean prisoners.

Summing up, there are good grounds for suspicion that Kim's fear of assassination does not arise out of loyalty or good service to the Municipal Police.

John Robertson
Superintendent.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Special

Date

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
GENERAL REGISTRY.

No. D-5599

Date 5/2/34

February 5, 1934

Subject (in full) Plot of Korean radicals to assassinate officials.

Made by D. S. Kim

Forwarded by Jm. H. Kim D.S.

Sir,

I have to report that recently, I have received no information concerning the Korean radicals intention to assassinate police officers. On January 18, I was warned by the Japanese Consular Police not to enter the French Concession as the Koreans had determined to take my life, but I have not been able to gather further information on this subject.

Acting upon instructions, I have made inquiries into the activities of the Korean radicals and have learned that the more dangerous elements, fearing apprehension by the Japanese Consular Police have fled from the French Concession to Nantao.

Recently General Chiang Kai Shek invited 4 Korean leaders, including Kim Ku and An Keng Kun(reported to be responsible for the bombing outrage at Hongkew Park) to proceed to Nanchang to discuss Korean affairs.

The Korean radicals who removed to Nantao have been promised immunity from arrest by the Chinese authorities, and it is reported that they are planning to assassinate the French Consul and the Chief of the French Police, in order to bring the question of the assistance rendered to the Japanese authorities by the French Police to the French Parliament.

The undersigned will endeavour to elicit further information regarding the proposed plot in the near future.



D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Headquarters

Date

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. REGISTRY.
No. <u>D-5599</u>
Date <u>Feb 5 1934</u>

Subject (in full) Radical Koreans plotting to murder Police Officers.

Made by D. S. Umemoto.

Forwarded by D. G. Everett

In compliance with instructions, I have made inquiries regarding the plot of Korean terrorists to assassinate police officers, but, up to the present, no developments have taken place. The Japanese Consular Police have not yet succeeded in locating the plotters.

D. S. Umemoto

D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
File No. REGISTRY.
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Date <u>January 31, 1934</u>

Headquarters

REPORT

Date

Subject (in full) Koreans plan to bomb S.M.C. Administration Building.

Made by D. S. Umemoto.

Forwarded by D. S. Umemoto.

In connection with the attached translation from the "Shanghai Mainichi", dated January 30, under the heading "Koreans plan to bomb S.M.C. Administration Building", I called upon Mr. Oki, a reporter of the "Mainichi", who stated that the information was obtained from an English reporter and that he (Oki) passed it to another reporter of the paper. The "Mainichi", however, published the report without first having it confirmed.

Enquiries at the various Japanese intelligence offices show that they had no information regarding the plot to bomb the S.M.C. Administration Building.

D. S. Umemoto.
D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

DC (Crime)

Information. I know
Oki & do not look upon
him as dependable.

John Robertson
Ingt.



January 30, 1934.

Morning Translation.

MISCELLANEOUS

NIPPO

COMPLAINT AGAINST S.M.C. FIRE BRIGADE

At 1.30 p.m. yesterday, fire broke out at No. 463 Dixwell Road occupied by a European. Fortunately there was no wind and the inmates of the house put out the fire immediately.

Although the fire could be easily seen from the Fire Station on Woosung Road, the Fire Brigade took 25 minutes to arrive at the scene.

Persons living in the neighbourhood are complaining that the Fire Brigade cannot be relied upon to act promptly.

MAINICHI

KOREANS PLAN TO BOMB S.M.C. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The plan of Koreans to bomb the Japanese Consulate on January 28 was frustrated by the measures adopted by the Japanese Consular Police with the assistance of the Shanghai Municipal Police.

It is reported that the Shanghai Municipal Police are taking special precautions because it is reported that the Koreans are planning to attack the Shanghai Municipal administration building because the Shanghai Municipal Council gave assistance to the Japanese Consulate to prevent Koreans from throwing bombs at the Consulate.

The Japanese Landing Force will continue to adopt precautionary measures for some time and night patrols will be on duty ~~is equipped~~ with steel helmets and bullet-proof vests. ^{equipped}

JAPANESE RESIDENTS RECOMMEND MR. FUNATSU AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

Mr. Funatsu, Director-General of the Japanese Cotton Mill Owners Association and Japanese member of the Shanghai Municipal Council, will arrive in Shanghai to-day.

It was reported that Mr. Funatsu intended to resign from the Shanghai Municipal Council owing to pressure of business necessitating his absence from Shanghai. However the Japanese ratepayers will recommend Mr. Funatsu and Mr. Okamoto this year.

A number of Japanese residents have started a movement to make Mr. Funatsu the chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

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File No. Misc.60

Hongkew Station,

REPORT

Date 28/1/34 19

(possibly correct)
Subject (in full) Gunpowder found on the hydrant on Woohang Rd, outside Japanese Consulate.

Made by D.S.I. Hutton Forwarded by D.I. Telfer.

Sir,

At 9.30 a.m. 28/1/34 Japanese Consular Police Constable Oheshi on Guard duty at the Corner of Woohang & Whampoo Rds discovered a quantity of gunpowder on the top of a hydrant situated on the west side foot path on Woohang Rd about 4 ft from Whampoo Rd corner. He reported the incident to the Inspector in Charge of the Japanese Consular Police and also to J.P.C.66 who was on duty outside the Japanese Consulate. The quantity of powder found would half fill a .32 pistol shell case. The Japanese Consulate removed the powder to the Consulate before the report was made to the Station and it was ascertained that they burned same. Only small particles of the powder could be found on the top of the hydrant on the arrival of the D.O."C", C.I. Robertson and party. The powder found is enclosed in attached envelope and appears to have been extracted from cartridge case. No suspicious person was seen in the vicinity, and 4 Japanese Constables were on duty round the Consulate augmented by 4 Japanese Consulate Police. J.P.C.66 reported the occurrence when he went off duty at 11 a.m.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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W. Hutton
D. S. I.

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Wb 29/1/34

Noted
29/1/34

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. M122, 59.

REPORT

Hongkew Station,

Date Jan. 29th 19 34

Confidential.

Subject (in full) Information from Japanese Consulate.

Made by J.D.S.36 Kobayashi. Forwarded by A. Telfer D.I. 1/c.

Sir,

I beg to report that at 2.30 p.m. today Japanese Consular Police Inspector Fukuyama on General duty came to this Station and stated that it is rumoured that some structure belonging to Japanese Government might be bombed in a day or two by Korean conspirators and ^{requires} ~~that~~ immediate co-operation of S.M.P. is case of such emergencies.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently.

M. Kobayashi.

J.D.S. 36

W.T.

S.D. 1/c

D.D.O. "C"

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11.09 AM.

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JAPANESE CONSULATE GENERAL REPORTS RUMOUR CURRENT THAT KOREANS MAY
WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS ATTEMPT TO BOMB JAPANESE PROPERTY IN THE
SETTLEMENT. FULL COOPERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO JAPANESE CONSULAR
AUTHORITIES IF AND WHEN SOUGHT.

11.11 AM.

FHC

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Headquarters

Date January 22, 1934

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
File No. REGISTRY.
No. D. 5599
S. 2
Date 2/1/34

Subject (in full) Radical Koreans plotting to murder Police Officers.

Made by D. S. Umemoto.

Forwarded by S. J. Everett.

Information has been obtained to the effect that local Korean terrorists, under the guidance of Kim Kyu, a prominent member of the Korean Independence Party, are planning to throw bombs at the Japanese Consulate and to murder those police officers who have responsible for the arrest of Korean radicals as well as the agents working for the police and pro-Japanese Koreans. Among the names of persons who are to be dealt with in this manner appears that of D. S. Kim of S 5, Special Branch.

It is believed that Kim Kyu is at present in Nanking.

Similar information has also been received by the local Japanese Consular Police who have adopted special precautionary measures within the building.

D. S. Umemoto

D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

End

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Special Branch

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE	
C.R. & REGISTRY.	
No. D 5599	Station, 134
Date 19	January 18 , 19 34

Subject (in full) Report on the warning of the Japanese Consular Police to D.S.Kim to beware of Korean assassination gang.

Made by D. S. Kim

Forwarded by Mr. Jackson D.S.

Sir,

I have to report that at 3.30 p.m. January 18 the undersigned received a telephone message from Inspector Fujii of the Special Branch of the Japanese Consular Police stating that he was instructed by Vice-Consul Saheki to warn the undersigned not to go to the French Concession for the time being as it was reported that the Korean Assassination gang is planning to attempt the life of the undersigned.

H. S. Kim
D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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C. & S. REGISTRY.

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

Subject (in full) Report on the assassination of Koreans in the French
Concession and the activities of Korean terrorists.

Made by D. S. Kim

Forwarded by

In connection with the murder of Oak Sung Bin,

Korean Detective of the French Police, the undersigned has
ascertained from an informer that the victim was murdered
by a Korean Assassination gang which was also responsible
for the assassination of Oak Kwan Bin on August 1, Suk Hyun
Ku on August 17 and the attempted murder of Liu In Bal on
August 31.

The principal members of the gang are reported to be
An Keng Kun, brother of An Chung Kun who killed Prince Ite
at Harbin, Um Hang Sub, ex-interpreter of the French Police,
Kim Deng Wu, who at one time served in the Chinese army, one
Pak.

They have formed the gang under the leadership of
Kim Ku who is well known to the Chinese community as a leader
of Korean revolutionary terrorists responsible for the bomb
outrage at Hongkew Park in 1932. The gang also comprises
a number of Korean anarchists who committed robbery at the
home of a Korean Christian pastor named Che Shang Sub in the
French Concession on July 15.

Formerly the members of the gang resided in Nantao
but now they are living some where in the vicinity of Rue de
Say Zeong, French Concession, because since the murder of
Oak Sung Bin, they are afraid of being apprehended by the
Nantao Police.

They are now reported to be planning to continue
their assassination programme in which the undersigned is
reported to be included. The reason for their action is
reported to be that they do not want any Korean to serve
either in the French Police or the International Settlement

The information
given by the
informer is
largely affor-
mation. He
has no definite
information.

J.H.S.

Continue if
any cases
of interest
to hand



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Police because they fear detection of their activities.

The photos of Kim Ku, Um Hang Sub, and Kim Deng Wu
are attached herewith.

Further inquiries are being continued.

H. S. Kim
D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

D. b. (crime)

Information.

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Photographs of Koreans who are believed to be
members of an Assassination Gang.



Kim Ku



Um Hang Sub



Kim Deng Wu